



# RM of Beaver River No. 622

Providing ratepayers with  
current and correct information  
pertaining to the RM

July 2026

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The RM of Beaver River No. 622 has been approved as an eligible assistance area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) due to spring flooding. Please contact the RM office for more information or for the available forms.



## New Online Portal Supports Those Impacted by Spring Flooding

*Released on June 17, 2026*

The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) is launching a new online information portal to help Saskatchewan residents, municipalities, businesses and agricultural producers access timely information and supports related to spring flooding.

Developed by the SPSA's Recovery Task Team, the portal is available on the [saskatchewan.ca](http://saskatchewan.ca) website. View the portal at [saskatchewan.ca/residents/emergency/flooding-support](http://saskatchewan.ca/residents/emergency/flooding-support).

"When flooding impacts communities, people need clear information and timely support. The portal was created to ensure people affected by flooding can quickly find reliable information and access available services in one convenient location," the Honourable Michael Weger Minister of Community Safety and Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency said. "The Recovery Task Team will continue building on this work to ensure residents, businesses and agricultural producers receive the support they need to recover."

The portal includes:

- Emergency support for flooding;
- Recovery information for homeowners and municipalities;
- Business support and recovery resources;
- Information for agricultural producers;
- Environmental information; and
- Flood forecasting advisories and technical guidance.

# **Strychnine Use in Saskatchewan**

The emergency use of two per cent liquid strychnine concentrate (strychnine) to control Richardson's ground squirrels is approved in Saskatchewan until November 2027. The web page, [www.Saskatchewan.ca/RGS-Control](http://www.Saskatchewan.ca/RGS-Control), details requirements of the Emergency Use Registration, as well as information specific to vendors and strychnine users.

## **Understanding the Emergency Use Registration (EUR)**

An EUR is a temporary, time-limited authorization by Health Canada's Pesticides Regulatory Directorate (formerly the Pesticide Management Regulatory Agency). It allows the limited use of pesticides that are not otherwise registered when an agricultural emergency exists.

## **Information for Strychnine Users**

Strychnine users must complete mandatory online training and may only apply strychnine in approved areas and timelines.

Users are responsible for record-keeping, environmental protection measures and compliance with all label and EUR restrictions. Environmental protection measures include in-burrow bait placement and carcass removal to limit the likelihood of non-target poisonings. All records must be returned to the RM office and will be shared with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, which will provide them to Health Canada's Pesticide Regulatory Directorate.

Training is now available online through the SARM website. Those interested should confirm their nearest participating RM office prior to taking training.

After completing the 90-minute online training program, users are required to complete a mandatory Treatment Plan and Declaration Form to become a certified strychnine user.

**The RM of Beaver River does not have any stock of Strychnine available at this time. There is no timeline as to when we will get a supply. Please watch our website and/or Facebook page for when we have stock available.**

**Please also note that any unused supply must be returned to the RM office by October 31, 2027.**

## How Do I Obtain Strychnine?

- Through the Strychnine Stewardship Program, strychnine will be distributed by RM offices that have completed the mandatory training and have expressed interest in participating as a distributor.
- First Nation Communities within the eligible strychnine use area may obtain strychnine from the nearest RM that is distributing strychnine.
- Users must sign a Treatment Plan and Declaration Form.
  - ◇ In the Treatment Plan and Declaration Form, users will commit to follow all label restrictions, adhere to requirements of the Strychnine Stewardship Program and participate in field audits when requested.
- Producers will purchase strychnine from the participating RM office they selected as their primary RM on their training documentation.
- Supplies will be distributed evenly among participating RMs, with a per-producer cap to manage limited supply.
  - ◇ The user may apply strychnine that they purchased in their primary RM in other eligible RMs where they occupy land.
  - ◇ All treatment locations must be within the EUR approved use area.
- Supplies will be limited this growing season. The recommended window for spring application of strychnine ends June 15, after which application is less effective. We encourage producers to use other RGS management options this spring as early intervention and an integrated approach provide the best control outcomes.
- Strychnine will be available for the late summer application window from July 15 and September 1.

## Protection of Species at Risk

The EUR of strychnine was approved with careful consideration of species at risk, predatory animals and the environment. It includes measures to protect non-target species, including:

- Screening for species at risk: Areas with documented species at risk populations will be avoided unless suitable methods to mitigate risk can be demonstrated. Risk mitigation measures must be appropriate for the specific species at risk that are present.
- In-burrow application: All Richardson's ground squirrel burrows are required to be covered following bait application. This application methodology ensures bait is available only to the targeted pest, protecting non-target animals.
- Carcass collection and monitoring: There are strict monitoring requirements under the approved EUR. Following application, all treated areas must be monitored daily for the first week and weekly for three additional weeks. All carcasses must be collected and disposed of through incineration or burial to mitigate risks of secondary poisoning through the consumption of poisoned carcasses.

**For more information please go to: [www.Saskatchewan.ca/RGS-Control](http://www.Saskatchewan.ca/RGS-Control)**

**Regular RM Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm**



Happy Saskatchewan Day!

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**The RM of Beaver River office  
will be closed  
Monday, August 3, 2026  
to celebrate Saskatchewan Day**



**Saskatchewan weather can be unpredictable.**

**Be prepared for hail.**

Do you have cash rented land you would like to insure?

- ◆ Premiums payable via credit card or cheque
- ◆ Losses greater than 85% are paid @ 100%
- ◆ Fire insurance included

Last day to apply for coverage is **August 1st, 2026.**

Call Nicole Neufeld 306-240-6985 for all your additional hail insurance needs.



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**Burn Permits**

Burn permits are required

**April 1st to October 31st**

and are available by phone from the Municipal Office with NO FEE.

Please see [www.rmofbeaverriver622.ca](http://www.rmofbeaverriver622.ca) for complete Burn Permit Policy 200-01



**Regular Council Meeting**

**July 21, 2026**

**8:30 am**

**at the RM of Beaver River  
Office in Pierceland**